

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have shamed the image of American media throughout the world. Perhaps you thought your monopolistic, fascist-like mis-use of media consolidation would escape the world's notice.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. What the world has heard of is Sinclair's plan to use the airwaves in support of a candidate whose policies are against the public interest by attacking his opponent who promises a government concerned primarily with the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the company's interests and less of what we need for our democratic public interest. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.